

NASDA's Role

Japan's space development activities are implemented primarily by the National Space Development Agency (NASDA) and the Institute of Space and Astronautical Science (ISAS), in cooperation with other related organizations, and in accordance with the Space Development Program established by the Space Activities Commission, an advisory committee to the Prime Minister.

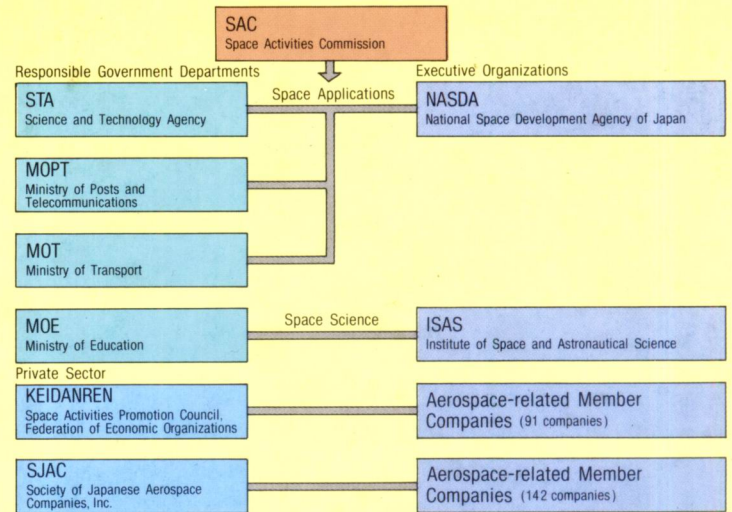
NASDA was established on October 1, 1969, under the provisions of the Law Concerning National Space Development Agency of Japan as a special corporate entity.

NASDA's activity is limited to solely peaceful purposes and is primarily engaged in the following projects;

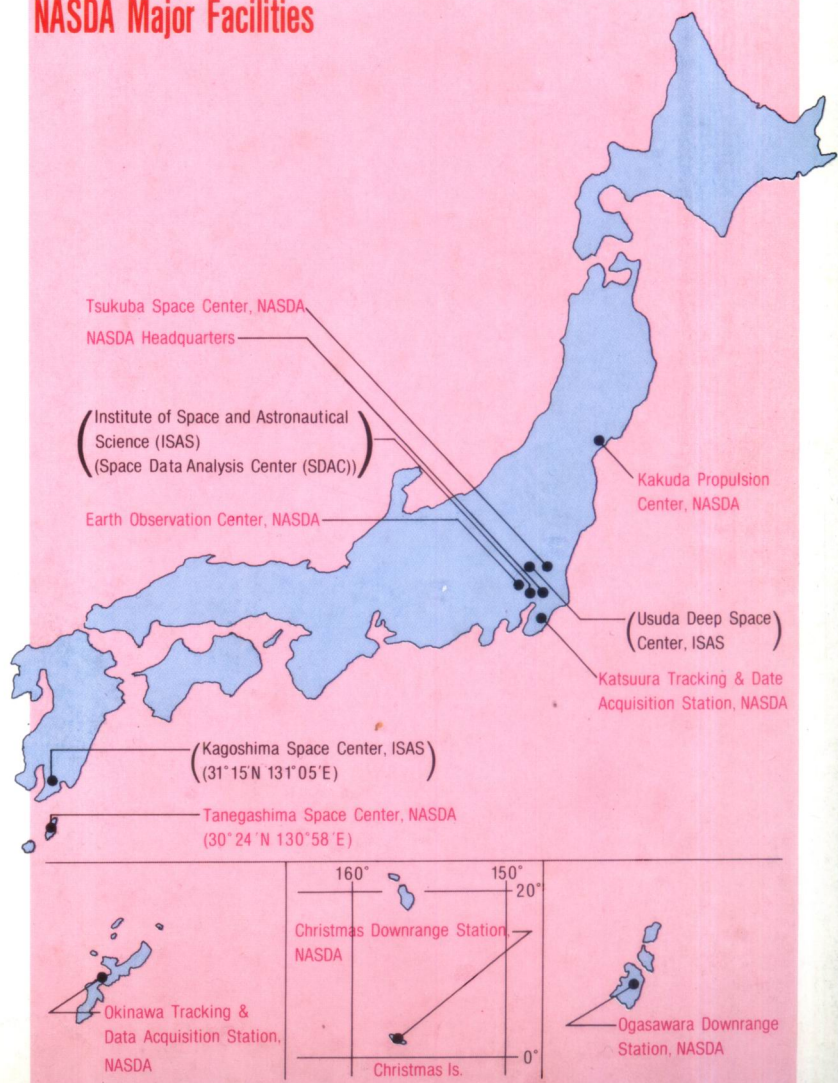
- Research and development of satellites and launch vehicles for practical purposes.
- Launch operations and tracking of these satellites.
- Promoting the development of remote sensing technologies.
- Promoting space experiments.

ISAS, on the other hand, promotes activities in the field of space science and is engaged in research, development, launching and operations of scientific satellites (like the Halley's comet probes, "SAKIGAKE" and "SUISEI") and rockets for these satellite launches.

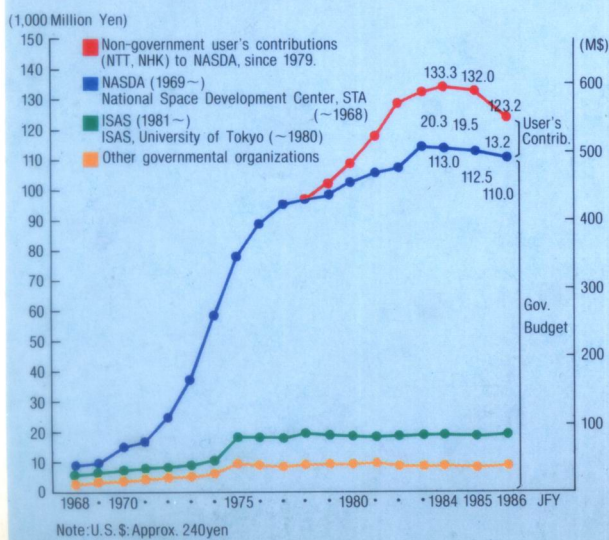
Principal Organizations Involved in Japan's Space Development



NASDA Major Facilities



Budget for Japan's Space Activities



NASDA Development Programs

NASDA's Development Programs fall broadly into five categories — earth observation, communications and broadcasting, space transportation, space experiments and basic technology.

By April 1986, NASDA had developed and launched a total of 17 satellites and the necessary launch vehicles. NASDA plans to develop 10 satellites and their launch vehicles by 1992.

In addition, NASDA has planned to conduct space experiments using the Spacelab/Space Shuttle. Activities for participation in the U.S. Space Station Program have also begun.

ABBREVIATIONS

BS-2	Broadcasting Satellite-2 (BS-2a, BS-2b)
BS-3	Broadcasting Satellite-3 (BS-3a, BS-3b)
BSE	Medium-Scale Broadcasting Satellite for Experimental Purposes
CS	Medium-capacity Communications Satellite for Experimental Purposes
CS-2	Communications Satellite-2 (CS-2a, CS-2b)
CS-3	Communications Satellite-3 (CS-3a, CS-3b)
ECS-b	ECS Backup satellite
ECS	Experimental Communications Satellite
EGP	Experimental Geodetic Payload
ERS-1	Earth Resources Satellite-1
ETS	Engineering Test Satellite (ETS-I, ETS-II, ETS-III, ETS-IV, ETS-V, ETS-VI)
FMPT	First Material Processing Test (On board Space Shuttle/Spacelab)
GEO	Geostationary Earth Orbit
GMS	Geostationary Meteorological Satellite (GMS-2, GMS-3, GMS-4)
H-I	H-I Launch Vehicle
H-II	H-II Launch Vehicle
ISS	Ionosphere Sounding Satellite
ISS-b	ISS Backup satellite
JEM	Japanese Experimental Module attached to U.S. Space Station
MOS-1	Marine Observation Satellite-1
N-I	N-I Launch Vehicle
N-II	N-II Launch Vehicle
TBD	To be determined

(Note) Figures in parentheses of each program show launch year.

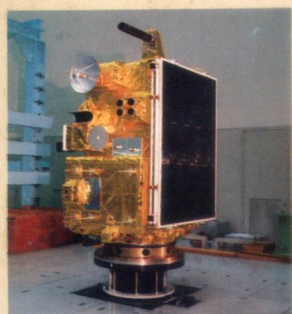
BS-2b satellite launch using the N-II vehicle from NASDA's Tanegashima Space Center on Feb. 12, 1986



NASDA Space Development Programs		
	N-I	N-II
	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Operation period 1975-82 ● Number of flights 7 ● Payload capacity into GEO 130kg ● Number of stages 3 ● Number of boosters 3 	
Development characteristics	Developed on the basis of U.S. Thor Delta technology	Improved version
Earth Observation Satellite Programs	 ISS (1976)  ISS-b (1978)	 GMS-3 (1984)  GMS-2 (1980)
Communications & Broadcasting Satellite Programs	 ECS (1979)  ECS-b (1980)	 CS-2b (1982)  BS-2b (1986)
Basic Technology Satellites Programs	 ETS-I (1975)  ETS-II (1977)  ETS-III (1982)	 ETS-IV (1982)
Space Experiment Programs		

e Transportation Systems			U.S. Space Transportation Systems	
	H-I	H-II		
			50m	
			40	
			30	
			20	
			10	
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CURRENT NASDA PROJECTS



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Earth Observation

Geostationary Meteorological Satellite-4 (GMS-4)

As follow-on to the service of its predecessors, GMS-4 development is in progress. It will contribute to the improvement of weather services not only in Japan but also in countries of the Asian and West Pacific regions, where 34 international stations have been established.

Marine Observation Satellite-1 (MOS-1)

MOS-1, now under development, will observe marine phenomena, atmospheric water vapor, etc. and will be used for detection of mineral and energy resources, crop inventories, etc. Utilization of its data by international organizations is now under consideration. (Photo 1)

Earth Resources Satellite-1 (ERS-1)

ERS-1 development is now in progress. ERS-1 is intended to monitor the natural environment including natural resources. It will employ an active sensing sensor that will operate both day and night, independent of climate.

Experimental Geodetic Payload (EGP)

EGP, scheduled for launch in summer of 1986, is intended to improve the accuracy of geodetic surveys which currently use conventional triangulation networks. Its potential use by international organizations is currently under consideration.

Communications & Broadcasting

Communications Satellite-3 (CS-3a, CS-3b)

In order to meet growing communications demands and as follow-on to the current CS-2 service for domestic public communications, the CS-3a and CS-3b,

each with 6000 voice channels, are now under development.

Broadcasting Satellite-3 (BS-3a, BS-3b)

To meet increasing broadcasting service demands and as follow-on to the current direct broadcast satellite service provided by BS-2, the BS-3a and BS-3b, each with three color TV channels, are now under development. (Photo 2)

Basic Technology

Engineering Test Satellite-V (ETS-V)

ETS-V, now under development, will perform mobile satellite communications experiments for ships and aircraft, in addition to various technological tests required for future satellites.

Engineering Test Satellite-VI (ETS-VI)

ETS-VI, now under research, will perform various technological tests on two-ton class geostationary satellite, as well as advanced satellite communications experiments.

Space Transportation

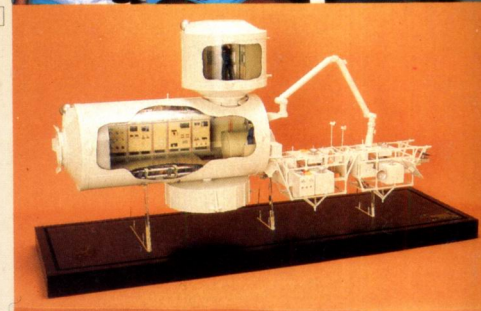
H-II Launch Vehicle

Development has begun on the H-II launch vehicle, designed to serve as NASDA's main workhorse in the 1990s, with its proposed test flight in 1992. This will be a two-stage rocket with a large satellite fairing section enabling multiple satellite launches. Liquid oxygen/liquid hydrogen engines will be employed in its first and second stages, plus two solid fuel rocket boosters. Beside carrying satellites into low earth orbit (9 t) and geostationary earth orbit (2 t), H-II



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will be capable of sending a payload into deep space, for example, to the moon (3 t) and Jupiter (0.5 t), thereby fulfilling a variety of users' demands. (Photo 3)

Space Experiments

The First Material Processing Test (FMPT)

FMPT is planned to be performed aboard the Spacelab/Space Shuttle. 34 experiments on material processing and life science will be made by a Japanese Payload Specialist (PS) aboard the Spacelab during the seven day flight test. (Photo 4: The three Japanese PSs now under training. From L to R, Dr.C. Naito, Dr.T. Doi, Dr. M. Mohri.)

Participation in the U.S. Space Station Program

Since 1985, Japan has been participating in the Definition and Preliminary Design Phase activities of the Permanently Manned Space Station Program proposed by the United States. Japan is contributing its conception of the Japanese Experimental Module (JEM), which will include a pressurized module for use in material and life science tests, an exposed facility for materials, telecommunications and technological tests. (Photo 5: JEM)

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